(d) the number of cases settled by the courts during this period?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) Available information is given in Annexure [Sec Appendix 184, Annexure No. 68].

Afghan refugees in drug trade

2334. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a record of the Afghan refugees in the country;

(b) whether Government have investigated the involvement of Afghan refugees in drug trade;

(c) the efforts being made to curb the drug menance in the country; and

(d) whether any action has been taken againsi officials issuing fake identity cards?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) As per available Information, about 20,000 Afghan nationals who came to India with valid travel documents, are staying in India on extension of their visa on short term basis from time to time. These Afghan nationals have not been recognised as 'refugees' by Govt, of India.

(b) During the years 1995 to 1998 (upto June) 20 Afghan nationals have been arrested for drug trafficking.

(c) A statement is enclosed. *(See below)*

(d) As per the information available the Afghan nationals have not been issued any identity cards.

Statement

The Govt, of India has taken the following steps to prevent and put effective check on drug trafficking:

1. Instructions have been issued to all the enforcement agencies to maintain the utmost vigil and step up enforcement efforts under the stringent provisions contained in NDPS Act.

2. Training is being imparted to officers to improve their effectiveness. Vehicles and communication equipments have been provided.

3. 2/3rds of Indo-Pak Border has been fenced and provided with flood lighting.

4. BSF and Coast Guards, who are deployed on land and coastal borders have been vested with powers under the Customs Act to interdict narcotic drugs on the border in addition to the several Central and State Government enforcement agencies empowered under the NDPS Act.

5. Reward scheme for informers and enforcement officers is being implemented zealously.

6. Quartcly coordination meeting chaired by DG, NCB arc held regularly in New Delhi which are attended by all Enforcement agencies involved in drug law enforcement at the highest level.

7. A bilateral arangement has been arrived at with authorities in Pakistan whereby periodic meetings take place at Secretary level and DG level. Representatives of Indian & Pakistani anti narcotics agencies have been included in the border meetings of BSF and PAK Rangers. Contact points have been designated by the two countries for direct operational communication.

8. A comprehensive bilateral agreement has been entered into by the Govt, of India with the Government of the Union of Myanmar for reducing demand and preventing illicit trafficking in narcotie drugs.

9. The Government of India has provided two drug sniffer dogs to Myanmar and has also trained dog-handlers of Myanmar.

10. Acetic Anhydride and N-Anthranilic acid, the precursor chemicals have been declared as controlled substances. All the persons arrested for drug trafficking are liable for punishment under stringent provisions of NDPS Act, 1985.

Alipur Robery Case

2335. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Two robberies in city; cash, goods looted" published in the Times of India, dated 28th May, 1998;

(b) whether the Police Station concerned with Alipur robbery case is ill equipped and the criminals are operating in connivance with the police officials;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, the reasons that police have completely failed to trace even a slight clue in this case?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The case has since been worked out by the local police with the arrest of five persons. A part of the stolen property has also been recovered.

Pick-Pocketing in Delhi Buses

2336. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an incident of stabbing of traffic police constable by three alleged pick near A.I.I.M.S. was reported in May, 1998;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether strength of Delhi Police has been increased from time to time;

(d) if so, the reasons for not eradicating pick-pocketing in Delhi buses;

(e) whether Government propose to issue instructions to ensure secrecy and protection of people who report incidents of pick-pocketing;

(f) whether government also propose to post plain clothes Delhi Police staff in suspected routes of Delhi buses; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On 9.5.98, one Delhi Traffic Police Constable was stabbed allegedly by a gang of pick-pockets while he was in the process of taking them to the police station near A.I.I.M.S. A case u/s 392/34 IPC was registered and, after concerted efforts, six persons were arrested.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (g) Delhi Police make concerted efforts to prevent this menace. The measures taken include deployment of police personnel in plain-clothes in buses plying on routes considered prone to such incidents. The persons who volunteer to report crimes to the police are at liberty wheterhr or not to divulge their identity. On the other hand, in cases where a person who has reported a crime is threatened by the accused persons, appropriate action is taken by Delhi Police to eliminate such a threat.

Shifting of Anand Vihar Police Station

2337. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the inconvenience faced by residents of DDA Flats of Anand Vihar, Delhi, caused by Anand Vihar Police Station which is situated in the above said flats;